Free Education to Girl Child

2763. SHRI N.K. PREMA CHANDRAN: SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private sector schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) whether Government have started implementing free educaiton policy to only girl child and whether the private managements have registered any protest against its viability and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any statistics is available regarding the number of girl students eligible for such benefits in the country and those from Kerala;

(d) whether the private school managements have demanded to reimburse such fee and if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the estimated costs to the schools and colleges for implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 4928 private schools are affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as on 30112005.

(b) Yes, Sir. A few schools and school organizations have registered their protest against the scheme

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A few schools have requested for subsidization/reimbursement. However, as per the scheme, the schools have to **bear** this expenditure themselves.

(e) Cost to school varies from school to school depending on the number of eligible single girl children and the fees charged by individual schools.